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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Rankin et al.

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Group Art Unit: 2188

Examiner: Jasmine Song

For: **HOT PLUG CACHE COHERENCY INTERFACE METHOD AND APPARATUS**

INTERVIEW AGENDA

1. Brief Discussion of relevant technology
 - a. Memory Caching
 - b. Coherency Techniques (e.g. snooping, and snoop filters)
 - c. Caching agents/snooping agents
2. Discussion of Bealkowski
 - a. Disclosed caching agents do not appear to be hot-pluggable
 - b. Disclosed hot-pluggable devices do not appear to be caching/snooping agents
3. Application to claims to extent time permits
 - a. Claim 1 – cease snooping of hot plug module
 - b. Claim 13 – writing back modified lines to memory and updating valid vector'
 - c. Claim 22 – update coherency information of a snoop filter in response to a request to remove a hot plug module